सड़क निर्माण के लिए आबंटित धनराशि

1258. **डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ऐसा पूर्वानुमान है कि देश के प्रमुख राजमार्गों के निर्माण स्तर को उच्चस्तरीय बनाये रखने के लिए उनके रख-रखाव हेतु वार्षिक आधार पर 1,600 करोड़ रुपये की आवश्यकता होगी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार इस मद के लिए प्रतिवर्ष इस राशि का केवल 60 प्रतिशत भाग ही आबंटित करती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि देश में सड़कों की मौजूदा खराब हालत की वजह से ईंधन की अधिक खपत दर और कल पुर्जों के क्षतिग्रस्त होने के फलस्वरूप प्रतिवर्ष 6,000 करोड़ रुपये की हानि होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) और (ख) केन्द्र सरकार मूलत: राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के रूप में घोषित सड़कों के लिए ही जिम्मेदार है। अन्य सड़कों के लिए अनिवार्यत: संबंधित राज्य सरकारें जिम्मेदार होती हैं। राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के रख-रखाव के लिए, मौजूदा मानदंडों के अनुसार, प्रतिवर्ष आवश्यकताओं की गणना की जाती है। तथापि, वास्तविक आबंटन, आवश्यकताओं के 52% से 59% के बीच रहते हैं।

(ग) और (घ) अनुमान लगाया गया है कि सड़कों का उचित रख-रखाव और सुधार करके देश के सड़क नेटवर्क पर वाहन प्रचालन लागत में प्रतिवर्ष लगभग 15,000/- करोड़ रु० की बचत हो सकती है।

Functioning of Red Line Operators

1259. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the Indian Express dated 22-4-93 regarding the nexus between Red Line operators and the traffic police; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news items in the Indian Express dated 22-4-1993 have made the following allegations :

(1) Corruptions by Traffic Policemen who allow Red-Line operators to flout regulations.

(2) Nexus between Red-Line operators and the Law Enforcement Wing.

The Ministry of Surface Transport have asked the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to enquire into the allegations and submit its report. This report is still awaited.

Plying of power barges in river Ganga

1260. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently approved a proposal to make Powered Barges available to prospective private entrepreneurs for plying the Barges on the navigable stretches of the river Ganga (national waterway); and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A scheme for providing two self propelled vessels of 600 Tonne carrying capacity free of cost (bare boat basis) to reputed private operators for operating on experimental cum promotion run for a maximum period of one year on National Waterway (Ganga) has been sanctioned by the Government on 17th March, 1993. The operating cost including manning will be borne by the operator. The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 84.00 lakhs.

Four laning work on Delhi-Rohtak and Hissar National Highway

1261. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have started four laning work on Delhi-Rohtak and Hissar National Highway;

(b) if so, the details of work completed so far; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Delhi-Rohtak-Hissar National Highway falling within the Union Territory of Delhi is already 4 lane. The stretch from Bahadurgarh to Rohtak has been included for four laning in the 8th Plan.

(c) It is too early to indicate the completion date at this stage as the project has not been sanctioned yet.

Development of Pilibhanga Nohar Bhadara Road

1262. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government are aware that Pilibhanga via Nohar Bhadara Road is in a dilipadated condition;

(b) if so, the length, date of maintaining this Road by the Central Organisation and the expenditure incurred till March, 1993 by the Government on this National Highway;

(c) whether the portion of Haryana is till In a bad condition; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Constitutionally, the Government of India is primarily concerned with roads declared as National Highways only. The responsibility for roads other than National Highways is essentially that of the State Governments concerned. Since the road in question is a state road and falls in Rajasthan, its construction/development etc. is therefore the responsibility of the State Government of Rajasthan.

1563. [*Transferred to* 10*th May*, 1993]

Enhancement of road tax

1264. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some enhancement in road tax in Delhi and in other States has been made; and

(b) If so, the details thereof, vehicles-wise separately for Delhi and other States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have increased the rates of road tax